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## **SECOND DEFENDANT SENTENCED FOR MANUFACTURING METH**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a second co-defendant was sentenced in federal court today for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

**Kenneth Wayne Allen**, 52, of Greene County, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this afternoon to seven years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 6, 2004, **Allen** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture 40 grams or more of methamphetamine between May and Dec. 9, 2003, in Greene County.

**Allen** is the second co-defendant to be sentenced for his involvement in the conspiracy.

**Kent Peter Darling**, 31, of Nixa, Mo., was sentenced to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole on May 12, 2005. **Darling** pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy on Nov. 19, 2004.

The co-defendants were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 9, 2004, in Springfield.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly Weber Dean. It was investigated by the Ozark, Mo., Police Department, COMET (the Combined Ozark Multi-jurisdictional Enforcement Team), and the Greene County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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